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In re Patent Application of:  
Sabbagh et al.

Application No. 10/809,565

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: USE OF HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS  
AND SALTS THEREOF AS COMPLEXING  
AGENTS IN REDUCING COMPOSITIONS  
FOR BLEACHING OR PERMANENTLY  
RESHAPING KERATIN FIBRES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.